Philada. May 8. 1847.

Dr. John Torrey

My dear Sir.

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I have just sent forth to the world a work upon Medical Botany, which I have taken the liberty of dedicating to yourself and our friend Gray, hoping under the shadow of your wings to be able to soar higher than quite alone. I have bestowed a good deal of work upon this book, but am not satisfied with it in many points which I hope to amend, if it has a second birth. From a want of books not to be had here several deficiencies are but too evident, thus in the Piperaceae I was obliged to notice Miquel's labors at second hand, and was unable to ascertain his grounds for the establishment of several of his genera, and the same was the case in several other instances.

But with all its imperfections on its head accept it as a slight proof

Of the esteem and respect

of yours truly

R. Eglesfeld Griffith

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